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Election Results

Mike Anderson, WV7T

Newly elected:

President Mike Anderson, WV7T

Vice Pres Sid White, K4ARM

Secretrary Rhoda Anderson, KB2BZY

Treasurer Rob Roller, N7LV
Director Rick Brown, K0SU

Continuing:

Director Moe Pierce, WB0RTF
Director Paula Gainer, KC0AGG
Director Roger French, KB0RLF

0 Beat Jeff Boyes, N0JLH

A great bunch of folks one and all. Be ready for an exciting new century!

<u>Reminder — General Membership Meeting</u>

Our next General Membership Meeting be on the second Wednesday of this month at 7 PM. We will be meeting at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 1318 N Circle Drive, (between Galley Road and Palmer Park Boulevard) in Colorado Springs.

PPRAA Officers and Directors					
President:	Mike Anderson	WV7T	634-7168	wv7t@aol.com	
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Board Member:	Rick Brown	K0SU	531-9423	k0su@arrl.net	
*This Officer/Direc	tor is completing the sec	ond year of the ty	vo-vear term to v	which they were elected.	

General Membership Meeting Minutes October 13, 1999 Paula Gainer KCØAGG

Moe WB0RTF called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Introductions were given. We welcomed a few new guests.

Jake N0CYR motioned to accept the minutes as printed in the 0-Beat, Dennis N0ABC seconded, and the minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: Rob N7LV gave a short report. Wes K0HBZ motioned to accept the treasurer's report as stated, Mike N0MIK seconded, and the report passed.

Announcements:

Moe WB0RTF said that Melinda KB0UVG thanked all for sending cards to her. Melinda had been hospitalized and is getting better now.

Rosie WA0MNL announced about Bob Nyman N0RNQ that his condition was worsening and that he could not talk but to maybe stop by and see him. He is in Saint Francis Hospice. Cards are welcomed.

Aaron KD6FLM Thanked all for their support and efforts with the past Library Exhibit. Everyone said that it went very smoothly. Sid did a wonderful job putting things in line. All said that it seemed better this year than last year. Please start thinking about next year's

exhibit and let him know if you are interested.

Committee Reports: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

JOTA: Dan Scott KB0PPM stated that we had 101 Boy Scouts/ Cub Scouts registered, and 135 Girl Scouts, which gives us a total of 236 kids. About 50 to 60 adults have also signed up. He was able to acquire three GP medium tents from the AFA.

The Hammy: Wes K0HBZ received hammy last month and thanked Aki for presenting it to him. Wes added a picture of Pikes Peak as it seems to be a barrier for some, yet it is one thing we all have in common, then awarded it to Sid White K4ARM as a person who works behind the scenes and is always there when you need him.

Mike NOMIK passed out certificates for ARES and the Balloon Classic and thanked all for their participation.

VE Testing: Rick had a comment about last Saturday's test session, at the Library Exhibit we had eight people take the test. One 14 year old girl took and passed the code test.

Mike WV7T said that a code class should start in

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Board Member Biographies

President: In May 1971 Mike Anderson WV7T earned his first ticket; since then he's been WN0WQM, WB0LEY, and 9H3GA. First licensed in Colorado Springs, his achievements include DXCC, WAS-QRP, WAC-QRP, 1000 Miles Per Watt Award, 1st Place in IARU DX Contest 1992 Zone 61, and the 9-Dragons Award (Hong Kong). He's a former president of the University of Southern Colorado ham club, as well as our current president, and was a PPRAA member back in '71. He's formed clubs in CA, CO, HI, IL and Sicily. Mike enjoys operating CW, SSB, RTTY, VHF packet, DX, contests, and constructing, public service, VEing, and teaching. A worldly man, he's operated from Canada, Guam, Hawaii, Malta, Sicily, and of course the US, including W1AW and the Queen Mary. He's trustee for two club calls: K0USN and NX0G.

Vice President: Back in 1957 Sid White received his Novice as KN4ARM, upgrading to Tech within a year and becoming K4ARM. In his early years he climbed towers and repaired lightning damage in Everglades Nat'l Park in exchange for radio parts instead of a wage. As a CAP cadet he received valuable weather experience taking readings to aid the National Hurricane Center in predicting Hurricane Donna. After a brief(?) 15-year lapse in his license he was relicensed in 1980 as KA2KER. His XYL Jackie was KA2KFR. Unfortunately Jackie's an SK now, so Sid reapplied for his old call K4ARM. Currently he's a General studying for his Advanced ticket, an ARRL member & OES, active with ARES, RACES, Skywarn, NTS and has applied for VE.

Secretary: Definitely Mike's better half, Rhoda Anderson KB2BZY used to be KN0YFP in Pueblo back in '59. Fortunate enough to be stationed with her husband Mike in Sicily, she became KB2BZY and also held 9H3GB in Malta. She enjoys the social and public service sides of ham radio. That shows by the number of clubs she's been affiliated with: Quarter Century Wireless Association, the Pueblo Ham Club back in '59, she's a life member of the North Shore Radio club in Highland Park, IL, and now as our secretary in the PPRAA. "'Kan't' be 2 busy", as KB2BZY says!

Treasurer: Rob Roller N7LV was first licensed in March 1978 as WB7WHT while in Las Vegas NV. Rob enjoys public service work (was district EC in CO in mid 90's) and working on the PPRAA board. Although he's been involved with other groups since the late 70's, he's been more active here than in any other city. Rob's a past PPRAA president and has been on the board since 1995. In 1997 he pushed for Extra to be a full-fledged VE and to give him an edge at CW during Field Day. While in the USAF he was the base MARS director at Hanscom AFB in MA. His high point in ham radio so far was coordinating a school-to-Mir contact in 1998. His near-term goals are to learn more about APRS, satellites and digital modes. Rob's wife Dorothy is also licensed as KC0BSY.

Director: Rick Brown K0SU has collected a number of callsigns. WN9FCG and WA9FCG concurrently, KA1BFK, HL9SM from Korea and KD0SU. First licensed in 1962 in Peoria, IL, he had a fondness for 6m AM, and still gets on 6m SSB quite often. One hightlight for Rick was being called by Tim Chen BV2A, the only licensed operator in China when Rick was in Korea from 1982 - 84. One high school club he helped start, WA9HBX, is still in operation. After retiring from the USAF, Rick upgraded to Extra, got his new callsign, and is spending much time on the CW bands. Rick enjoys building things, working ham satellites (worked OSCAR 6 when it was launched), QRP, VEing and long haul V/UHF.

Director: Roger French KB0RLF has been a ham since about March 1995, earning his ticket at a hamfest. Roger got involved in ham radio primarily to help people. He's really become involved with traffic handling,

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helping others learn about NTS, and public service. The October 1997 blizzard was a major event for Roger as he spent many hours in an Army HMMWV helping people in the snow. Roger is net manager for the Southern Colorado Traffic Net, and is a net controller for the PPFMA weekly net. He looks forward to the Saturday breakfasts and to any hamfest. He's also an avid off-road enthusiast and uses ham radio quite often up in the mountains.

Director: Paula Gainer KC0AGG hails from Gilbert AZ. She's married to JC, KC7GOL, and came to Colorado when JC was reassigned to Peterson AFB. JC's bugged Paula enough so she finally decided to get her license. She passed her Novice, and later passed the Tech after JC bought her a radio. Since becoming licensed she's become involved in RACES, and was secretary for the PPRAA last year. She enjoys meeting new hams and wants to know faces as well as calls. Her first "wallpaper" will probably be the ARRL Friendship Award as she's made enough contacts to qualify. Being secretary has paid off with another benefit: she was forced to learn computer skills to handle the email and word processing for the PPRAA.

Director: Moe Pierce WB0RTF, currently holding a General ticket, was first licensed back in January 1976. Moe is married to another ham, Bill KD0JU. Moe calls Bill her "first husband" since Moe recently served as president of the PPRAA from Oct 1998 to Oct 1999. Moe enjoys working with the Scouts at JOTA and has helped several Scouts get their communications badges by talking to someone that is blind. It's a good bet she listens more than she talks, as she enjoys listening to her scanners, especially to the paging, hospital and other non-ham frequencies.

0 Beat Editor: Back in 1977, as a 12-year-old kid in Wray, CO, Jeff Boyes received his first license as KA0BVE. After a brief lapse, he got another ticket as KA0ZDY (see the 12/86 0 Beat), then upgraded to Tech Plus as N0JLH, his current call. It was during this ham class that he met his wife Renay, so there are two hams in the family, and daughter Cassie may soon make three. Jeff's been in the PPRAA since 1986, was president from '96-'97, and has been editor for about five years total. He enjoys working public service activities, and is especially interested in getting into APRS and spending more time on packet. He camps out most years at Field Day, and prefers to work the HF SSB station there.

Notes From Your Secretary Paula Gainer KC0AGG

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the club members for allowing me to be the club Secretary for the past year and a half. Your words of confidence and support have really meant a lot to me. Also the patients you have expressed when it was difficult for me to put a call sign with a name and face. I must say that I have learned a lot not only about the club and its activities, but about myself, as well as a computer.

This upcoming year will be a very busy one for me. I plan on staying on as a board member to fulfill my commitment of the two-year term. I started in May of 1998 and then was elected at the October Elections. It came as quite a surprise to me that being such a new ham that I would have been nominated for such a position. I was very honored to have had the club put their trust and confidence in me. I have enjoyed it and it has been a lot of fun.

In closing, it seems that after the year is all over you have finally learned how to do the job. I would have liked to attend more of the events and functions that our club presents to us, but being a Domestic Engineer does take a lot of time, which is something that I also enjoy as well as being a ham. Thank you again for your continued support.

God Bless all of you and your families, and I hope that all will have a great and safe year forthcoming.

Sincerely, Paula J. Gainer KC0AGG, PPRAA Club Secretary.

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Upcoming Programs Rick Brown, KØSU

Phil, KC5LXC will be giving a program on APRS. See you there!

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about three weeks at his new home.

Bob KI0GF stated that he would be glad to be the Swapfest Chairperson for the year 2000. He will be planning a swapfest meeting the first Saturday of the month, November 11th at Russ and Rosie's house at 11:00am. The following meetings will take place at the Falcon Substation of the Colorado Springs PD.

Rob N7LV mentioned about having two locations for the Christmas party, and it was decided by all to have it at Irving Middle School, the same place as last year, on December 8th 1999.

Rob N7LV presented the suggested by-law changes:

Article VII Section 12: Asset Committee from: "Not less than one outgoing AND one incoming officer shall be signatory witnesses of the physical inventory." to: "Not less than one outgoing OR one incoming officer shall be A signatory witness of the physical inventory."

Mike K0TER motioned to accept the by-laws change, Mike WV7T seconded, and the motion passed.

Article III Section 8: Limitations on Board Authorized Expenditures from: "...Shall NOT be empowered to authorize any single expenditure which exceeds \$500.00. Such an expenditure..." to: "...shall be empowered to authorize any single expenditure which DOES NOT exceed \$500.00. Expenditures over \$500.00..."

Sid K4ARM motioned to accept the by-laws change, Wes K0HBZ seconded and the motion passed.

Election of Officers

President: Nominations: Moe Pierce WB0RTF and Mike Anderson WV7T. Nominations from the floor: Jody KA0ROY nominated Wes K0HBZ. Wes declined the position. Sid K4ARM motioned to close the floor nominations, Jake N0CYR seconded, and nominations for President closed.

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License Exams

License examinations sponsored by the PPRAA are held at 9 AM on the 2nd Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at Denver Technical College, 3245 International Drive (one block E of Union at Parkside Dr.) in Colorado Springs. The entrance to the rooms we use are marked "DTC."

Everyone is seated on a walk-in basis. Those wishing to take an exam should bring the following items:

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- Picture identification.
- A copy of your current amateur radio license, and/or a copy of any examination credit you have, as well as the signed original. We keep the copies.
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PPRAA Christmas Party News!

When: Wednesday, December 8, 1999, 6:30 p.m. (in lieu of club meeting)

Where: Irving Middle School, 1702 N. Murray Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO

Contact Rob Roller N7LV to list what food item you're bringing. Call or e-mail: 282-0204 n7lv@amsat.org

We're going to try to arrange for a few turkeys to be cooked by several people. If you're able to cook a turkey, please contact me. Also, everyone is requested to bring a side dish for the pot luck: Last names beginning A - M: Cold dishes, salads, desserts, etc. Last names beginning N - Z: Hot side dishes.

If you want to whip up your favorite dish and it doesn't match the lettering of your name, feel free to bring it anyway. See you there!

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Board Meeting Minutes October 18th, 1999

Attending members were: Mike WV7T, Sid K4ARM, Rhoda KB2BZY, Rob N7LV, Rick K0SU, Bill KD0JU (proxy for Roger KB0RLF), Jeff N0JLH, Moe WB0RTF. Guests included: , Paula KC0AGG, Bill N0NJX, Greg WA2OOD, Aaron KD6FLM, Jody KA0ROZ, Les KC0NC, Dan KB0PPM, Russ KB0FNM, Rosie WA0MNL, Renay KA0ROY, and Cassie.

Mike called the meeting to order at 7pm.

President Mike welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for the large turnout for the board meeting. Mike brought up his agenda for "Y2K" (year 2000) including a club satisfaction/interest questionnaire / handout for the next newsletter/club meeting to see what members think and requested input from the board regarding suggestions and comments.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Mike received a copy of Roberts Rules of Order from Bill KD0JU and a ARRL Club President's Handbook from Rob N7LV.

Mike/Rhoda to contact ARRL with updated club status.

Mike WV7T turned over to Sid K4ARM the club door prize records and equipment. Mike started out with \$75.31 and ended with \$114.61.

John Roth Jr. NOQJS has volunteered to be club meeting door greeter and meeting photographer. Possibly post pictures on club website.

Rob N7LV suggested continuing sending out the minutes in advance of 0-Beat for review and comment by board.

Rosie WA0MNL brought up the coffee fund and how the club might assist with its support. Suggested having a cake at the meeting in the month of the club's president's birthday. Suggestions of 'passing the hat' or from door prize funds were discussed to support club coffee.

Jody KA0ROZ Discussion on having a cake at the club meeting the month of the club's anniversary (date to be determined - Oct 15, 1938/1958?). Paula KC0AGG offered to do the decorating. Jody to confirm dates.

The board discussed the need for a club publicity chairperson. Board covering publicity at this time. Discussion about contacting 5/30 for publicity. Les might be spoksperson. Swapfest meeting will be 11am November 6th, 1999 at the home of Rosie WA0MNL. (NOTE: Time has been adjusted to 12 noon) Sid K4ARM described an

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article he read about presentations given at swapfest. Discussion about programs at hamfest.

Moe WB0RTF thanked the board for their support during the past year and will be helping at the club swapfest. Will inform secretary of club member/family illness/passing.

Bill KD0JU stated he had finished the 1960's 0-Beat for the club historian. Will provide disk to Jody at next meeting.

Sid K4ARM. Brought up absentee ballots for club elections. Discussion included floor nominations, amendments to bylaws, ballots in newsletter, proxy voting. Sid K4ARM will look into this issue, pro and cons, then address the board on his findings.

Russ KB0FNM. Need someone to make coffee at Christmas Party. General discussion about Christmas Party location. If at the school cannot use kitchen and had difficulty getting water for making coffee last year.

Rhoda KB2BZY. Offered coffeemaker to club.

Rosie WA0MNL. Russ says enough coffee, cups, and napkins.

Dan KB0PPM. States he sees local clubs becoming closer together. JOTA evaluation. Good attendance by scouts. Hams/instructors overworked. Sid K4ARM took down GP medium by himself. Several training providers did not show up. Messages were poorly written. Discussion whether JOTA is Scout or Ham Radio function. Planning meeting for JOTA 2000 after Thanksgiving. Discussion about PPRAA having a youth group like the Boulder club has.

Greg WA2OOD. JOTA. Noticed the Radio activity more than First Aid. Scouts on radio before JOTA started. JOTA handout lacked info about scouts talking to other scouts.

Rob N7LV. Official Bylaws to Rhoda KB2BZY. Jeff N0JLH and Rob N7LV have keys to club mail box. Mike WV7T and Rob have bank account access. Rhoda as secretary to update ARRL, library's list of clubs. Jeff to update webpage with change of board. Continuing to process old 0-Beats. Discussion on scanning all 0-Beats and putting on CD and offer to club members. More people need to be involved with non-profit process. Looking into opportunities for non-profit organizations. Discussion about club status of silent keys, and limit amount club donations for special occasions. Sid investigated ARRL for special grants, etc.

Greg WA2OOD. Board to be more informed about club budget. Concern about 0-Beat costs. Jeff N0JLH e-mail/homepage newsletter vice hardcopy. Think about club fees adjustment.

Rick K0SU. Offered to continue as Program Chairman. Board discussion about January Homebrew Night and categories of entries. Rick to establish rules and criteria and submit for December newsletter. Continue established prizes. Possible inclusion of rules and process into club manual. Rosie WA0MNL discussion about club auction program. Discussion about 0-Beat projected 2-3 month calendar/list including area ham events and club activities and programs. Moe WB0RTF suggested that club picnic not be held during "Ascent and Marathon".

Upcoming Swapfests

November 20

Rocky Mountain Radio League Hamfest, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Longmont. Ron Rose, NOMQJ, n0mqj@arrl.net, 303-985-8652.

January 8

Northern Colorado ARC Hamfest, Loveland County Fairgrounds, Loveland, CO. Mike Robinson N7MR, michael@frii.com, 970-225-7501.

PPRAA Worked All States (WAS) Award Rosie Calaway, WAØMNL

Please check your QSL cards and help us finish the Club WAS award board. The states needed are: AR, DE, KS, ME, MT, NE, NM, ND, OR, and SD. Bring your cards to the club meeting, or phone me and arrangements can be made. Your QSL card will be returned along with a special certificate when the board is completed. If you bring a card and the slot is filled, please leave the card with me. I will display it, and return it to you with your certificate. To qualify, the QSL card must show the station was worked after June 30' 1997. Thank you. If you have any questions, call me at 471 9965.

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PPRAA Food Drive Rosie Calaway, WAØMNL

The PPRAA sponsored food drive will start at the next club meeting. We will be accepting nonperishable food items for distribution to those needing a helping hand. Besides the food items, we would like socks, mittens, gloves and warm caps...these items need not be new.

When you bring something to the club meeting you will receive a door prize ticket for that evenings drawing. We will collect items at the December meeting also. We collected 243 items last year and on such short notice, I'm sure we will do better this year.

On December 4th, we will have a collection at the QTH of Russ, KB0FNM and myself between the hours of 1 P.M. and 5 P.M. The TV and press will be invited to come that day.

Be sure to sign the "Helping Hams" log book for a special drawing..I have not got this finalized yet so maybe we'll both be surprised. Questions..directions call me at 471-9965. Tnx.

For anyone interested in donating to the Kim Knott Hospital Fund, here is the address:

Western National Bank ATTN. Joanie Martinez Kimberley Knott Hospital Fund 1130 North Circle Drive Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

My heartiest well done to the hams and scouters who braved the cold to give young Scouts a great taste of ham radio. Hams stood out as ambassadors, sharing their hobby and precious time. From Satellites to Morse Code, Search and Rescue to First Aid, hams and adult scouters joined together showing their caring and dedication to the youth of our country. I was quite surprised at the number of Scouts who visited my Morse Code demonstration. Many wanted to get right into the demonstration themselves. I had a chart with the code on it and used 2 small hand flags. After all this I cannot say anything less than.....WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB!

73's Mike WV7T

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Vice President: Nomination is Sid White K4ARM. There were no nominations from the floor. Jerry N0GCA motioned for the floor nominations to be closed, Paula KC0AGG seconded and the nominations closed. A motion to elect Sid White K4ARM by acclamation for Vice President. Phil KC5LXC seconded. The motion passed.

Secretary: Nomination is Rhoda KB2BZY. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to elect Rhoda Anderson KB2BZY by acclamation for Secretary.

Treasurer: Nomination is Rob N7LV. There were no nominations from the floor. Mike N0MIK motioned to close the floor nominations, Jerry N0GCA seconded, and floor nominations closed.

A nomination for new Board member is Rick K0SU. There were no further nominations from the floor. Jerry N0GCA motioned to elect Rick K0SU by acclamation as a board member. Mike N0MIK seconded, and closed. He will serve a 2-yr. Term.

The next Board meeting will take place at the QTH of Rob N7LV. Address 4680 Falls Church Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Paula Gainer KCØAGG, Secretary.

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Paula KC0AGG. Transferred all club secretary items to Rhoda KB2BZY. Thanked the board for trust and confidence. Thanked Rob for providing feedback regarding minutes. Receipts for treasurer. Promised to help new secretary.

Mike WV7T. 5 wpm code class starts in November. Location TBD. 18 people signed up. Greg WA2OOD and Rosie WA0MNL will help people in their sides of town. Greg suggested to assign an ELMER to each student. (note: 3 more students signed up as I was typing)

Rosie WA0MNL discussion about last year's Christmas Party and how turkeys were purchased. Board is looking into the best way to get inexpensive turkeys. One suggestion was to ask members to hord cupons towards purchase of turkeys.

Next board meeting in Falcon at home of Jeff N0JLH.

Rhoda KB2BZY made motion to adjourn, Rosie WA0MNL second. No one objected.

Submitted by Rhoda Anderson KB2BZY Secretary.

President's Soapbox Mike Anderson, WV7T

Greetings from the messiest computer desk you might ever see. Took me two hours just to find the mouse!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Many people think ham radio is a hobby. When times are good we enjoy radio in whatever way we choose. However, there are occasions when we are needed and expected to provide service to our community, now is one of those times. December 31st is quickly approaching and the city has requested amateur radio assistance. More hams are needed to man the numerous critical sites throughout the city. Personal injuries and property damage are very real possibilities and this provides amateurs an opportunity to give back something worthwhile for the privileges afforded us through our ham licenses. Please give this serious thought. We are ALL needed. Please let Sid White, K4ARM, know you are ready, willing, and able to serve!

CODE CLASSES: There will be a 5 wpm code class held at my house starting 9 November and each Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30pm. I am working on a site for a second class on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. There are 21 people showing interest so far. Contact me at 634-7168, or via email at wv7t@aol.com for information.

THANKS YOU GUYS! My personal thanks to Wes K0HBZ, John N0QJS, and Curtis KB2ZVX for helping me get my antenna farm planted and grown. Now all I have to do is dig out the equipment!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? The following is a questionnaire about your satisfaction with the PPRAA and personal amateur radio experience. This will give the board direction to chart a course for the club. Please take a minute and fill one out and pass it back to me or a board member. I don't think the club wants to do only what WV7T wants to do!

Please use full sentences rather than "Yes/No" answers. Your name is optional but would allow the board opportunity to contact the originator for more information or clarification.

- 1) What do you like or dislike about the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Radio Association?
- 2) Are the club meeting programs interesting and informative?
- 3) What program subjects would you like to see presented?
- 4) Other than the Christmas Party, Hamfest, Field Day, and club picnic, what activities would you attend if organized?
- 5) What hands-on classes would you like to see offered?
- 6) What skills or talents are you willing to share with the club members?
- 7) Do you feel the officers and board are responsive to club members needs?
- 73, and see you all at the next meeting.

Membership Application - Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc. P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80935 Would you participate in/ Date: [] New Membership [] Renewal help with: [_] Field Day [_] Swapfest [] RFI Committee Address_____ [] Radio demonstrations [] On-Air Nets City_____State____Zip____ [] Public Service [] Teach potential hams Call License Class about ham radio (Elmering) [] Hospitality Telephone Email address: [] Public Relations Are you an ARRL member? [] Yes [] No Your Interests [_] VHF/UHF [_] HF One year membership rates, starting the month you receive your first issue: [_] FM [_] SSB [] Full Member - \$15.00 [] Family Membership (same address) - \$18.00 [_] Digital [_] DX Full Member over 65 - \$10.00 [_] Family Membership (both over 65) - \$12.00 [_] Contests [_] Technical Associate Member - \$12.00 Newsletter only \$12.00 [] Hardware [] [_] ______ Additional Name: _____Call ____ Class Additional Name: Call Class Please Note: You must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer for both new members as well as renewals. Thank you! PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY!

Treasurer's Report - Period Ending 30 Sep 1999 Rob Roller, N7LV

Income-Expenses=Gain(Loss) \$180.76-\$361.31=(\$180.55) Contact me if you'd like further details.

Nonprofit: Work on the nonprofit status has slowed. I'll be picking it up this month on November 14th, and monthly thereafter on the Sunday prior to board meetings. Interested? Drop by my place at 3 pm or so. I have a list of at least two dozen items that need to be worked, and will entertain any help. Please RSVP. I'll have our tax exempt card from the State very soon.

Cutting 0 Beat Costs: At the last board meeting we discussed ideas to cut 0 Beat costs. (This was a result of our discussion in general of rising costs and very low club dues.) One idea was to offer the 0 Beat to members electronically, cutting printing and postage costs of about \$1.30 per 0 Beat. With over a hundred members using e-mail, this could save the club hundreds of dollars a year. If you're willing to makethat jump, send Jeff Boyes an e-mail at n0jlh@qsl.net.

Looking forward to another term as treasurer and working with some new board members. Hopefully we'll have many great ideas and many volunteers to help out with our activities this year.

Swapfest 2000 Update Bob Ryals, KIOGF

After a long layoff for the summer/fall, its time to starting thinking about the biggest event of next year---Swapfest 2000. This one will be even bigger and better than 1999 and you should plan to be a part of it. Our first swapfest committee meeting of the season will be held: Saturday, 6 November 1999 Working Lunch starting at 12 Noon at Russ and Rosie's house 616 N. 31st St. Major cross streets are 31st street and Colorado For further directions call them at 471-9965. See you there.

PPRAA History Help Needed Jody Borst, KA0ROZ

I need copies of the 0 Beat's from the 1960's for the official history of the PPRAA. If anyone has any of these issues, and would allow me to borrow them, please contact me. This would be appreciated very much.

Veteran's Day Special Event Station Mike Anderson, WV7T

KOUSN will be active from Memorial Park on November 11th, 1999 in honor of America's Veterans. Setup will be between 8-9 am next to the park tennis courts. Operation will start about 9am until the operators freeze or sunset, whichever occures first! POC: Chief Petty Officer Mike Anderson (WV7T), USN, RET. 634-7168 / WV7T@AOL.COM.

Editor's Notes Jeff Boyes, NOJLH

I would like to apologize to several individuals that submitted articles this month. Don't worry, everyone will see them as soon as I can fit them in. Thanks a lot for all the hard work, and please continue to make my job easier by sending those articles to me. Next Month: a huge Dits and Bits list! Time for some trivia: Who coined the phrase "Dits and Bits?"

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